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**Lieutenant Governor Maldonado Issues Statement On The Passing Of The
Honorable Dave Cox**

“Laura and I send our heartfelt condolences to the Cox family on this immensely sad day. Dave was a family man, a passionate leader, and a faithful servant of the people; California has lost a champion whose achievements will long be remembered with great admiration.

The friendships I made in the Legislature are among my most cherished memories. Dave was my friend and I will dearly miss him.

Dave always shared with me his love for his family, our country, the institution in which we both served, and Rodolfo Valentino – also known as “Rudy Dog,” his family dog. Dave liked to joke that he was going to send “Rudy Dog” home to my ranch on the weekends because “Rudy Dog” was hard to potty train and would often destroy his belongings as a pup. Of course, when I said I’ll take him, Dave said to me with a smile, ‘Maggie and I will never let him go.’

I will never forget my daily coffees with Dave in the members’ lounge. He shared so much with me, as I shared with him.

Dave, I will miss you, mi amigo. I will miss your smile. I will miss our jokes. I will miss our Spanish lessons. Rest in peace. I will miss you forever.”

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